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ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY - 2015

WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

The 2015 **corn** for grain crop was estimated at 9.38 million bushels, 13 percent above last year's production of 8.28 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 159.0 bushels per acre was 21.0 bushels per acre above the yield achieved last year. This is a new record yield for the state, compared to the previous record yield of 142.0 bushels per acre set in 2012. Area harvested for grain in 2015, at 59,000 acres, was 1,000 acres below last year. Acreage cut for corn silage was estimated at 25,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 575,000 tons compared with 648,000 tons produced last year.

Oat seedings in Wyoming totaled 23,000 acres, down 7,000 acres from last year. Producers harvested 12,000 acres for grain or seed, up 5,000 acres from 2014. Oat production totaled 720,000 bushels in 2015, up 74 percent from last year. Oat yield is 60.0 bushels per acre in 2015, up 1.0 bushel per acre from the previous year.

Wyoming's **barley** seeded area, at 100,000 acres, is up 15,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 86,000 acres, is up 18,000 acres from 2014. Barley yield, at 95.0 bushels per acre, is down 12.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2015 is estimated at 8.17 million bushels, up 12 percent from the previous year.

Winter wheat production in Wyoming, estimated at 4.16 million bushels, is down 12 percent from 2014. Winter wheat producers seeded 145,000 acres in the fall of 2014 for harvest in 2015, up from 140,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain increased 5,000 acres from last year to 130,000 acres in 2015. Winter wheat yield, at 32.0 bushels per acre, is down 6.0 bushels per acre from last year.

All hay production for 2015 is estimated at 2.32 million tons, up 3 percent from the 2014 total. **Alfalfa hay** production was estimated at 1.33 million tons from 530,000 acres harvested, up 51,000 tons from 2014. Average yield for the 2015 crop was 2.50 tons per acre, 0.10 ton per acre below last year. **All other hay** production totaled 990,000 tons from 550,000 acres harvested, up 21,000 tons from 2014. The average yield of 1.80 tons per acre was up 0.10 ton per acre from last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Wyoming were estimated at 45,000 acres, up 13 percent from 2014.

As of December 1, producers in Wyoming were storing 1.30 million tons of **all hay**, down 13 percent from the 1.50 million tons stored last year.

The state's **sugarbeet** crop of 942,000 tons for 2015 was up 13 percent from the 834,000 tons produced in 2014. Producers harvested 31,400 acres in 2015, up from 30,000 acres in 2014. Average yield was estimated at 30.0 tons per acre, 2.2 tons per acre above 2014.

Dry edible bean production was set at 713,000 hundredweight, 11 percent below the 2014 crop of 799,000 hundredweight. Average yield was estimated at 2,300 pounds per acre, 170 pounds above last year. Harvested area, at 31,000 acres, was 6,600 acres less than last year. **Pinto bean** production in 2015 was 542,000 hundredweight, up 12 percent from last year. There was also 171,000 hundredweight of **other dry bean** types produced.

Winter wheat seedings last fall for the 2016 crop year are estimated at 130,000 acres, down 10 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn for grain production is estimated at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the November forecast and down 4 percent from the 2014 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 168.4 bushels per acre. This is down 0.9 bushel from the

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November forecast and 2.6 bushels below the 2014 average yield of 171.0 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 80.7 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 3 percent from the 2014 acreage.

Oats production in 2015 is estimated at 89.5 million bushels, up 27 percent from the revised 2014 total of 70.2 million bushels. Yield is estimated at 70.2 bushels per acre, up 2.3 bushels from the previous year, and represents a new record high for the United States. Harvested area, at 1.28 million acres, is 23 percent above the previous year.

Barley production is estimated at 214 million bushels, up 18 percent from the revised 2014 total. Average yield per acre, at 68.9 bushels, is down 3.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.56 million acres in 2015, up 17 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 3.11 million acres, is up 25 percent from 2014.

Winter wheat production for 2015 totaled 1.37 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the 2014 total. The United States yield, at 42.5 bushels per acre, is down 0.1 bushel from 2014. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 32.3 million acres, down slightly from the previous year.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2015 is estimated at 134 million tons, down 6 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 4 percent from the revised 2014 total. Area harvested is estimated at 54.4 million acres, down 4 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 5 percent from 2014. The average yield, at 2.47 tons per acre, is down 0.05 ton from the October 1 forecast but up 0.02 ton from the previous year. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2015 is estimated at 59.0 million tons, down 7 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 4 percent from the revised 2014 total. Harvested area, at 17.8 million acres, is down 3 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 3 percent below the previous year. Average yield is estimated at 3.32 tons per acre, 0.13 ton below the October 1 forecast and down 0.02 ton from 2014. Production of **all other hay** in 2015 totaled 75.4 million tons, down 5 percent from the October forecast and down 4 percent from the revised 2014 total. Harvested area, at 36.7 million acres, is down 4 percent from the October 1 forecast and down 5 percent from last year. Average yield is estimated at a record 2.06 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from the October 1 forecast but up 0.03 ton from the previous year. Growers seeded 2.54 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2015, down slightly from 2014.

All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2015 totaled 95.0 million tons, up 3 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2015 - December 1, 2015 totaled 63.9 million tons, compared with 67.0 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Sugarbeets production for 2015 is estimated at 35.3 million tons, up slightly from the November 1 forecast and up 13 percent from last year revised production. Growers in the 10 major sugarbeet-producing States planted 1.16 million acres, down slightly from last year revised area. Harvested area, at 1.14 million acres, is down slightly from the previous year. Estimated yield, at 30.8 tons per acre, is unchanged from the November forecast but 3.5 tons above last year.

Production of **dry edible beans** is estimated at 30.1 million cwt, up 4 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.76 million acres, up 4 percent from 2014. Harvested area is estimated at 1.71 million acres, also up 4 percent from a year ago. The average United States yield is estimated at 1,760 pounds per acre, an increase of 6 pounds from last year.

Winter wheat seeded area for 2016 is expected to total 36.6 million acres, down 7 percent from 2015. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 26.5 million; Soft Red Winter, 6.72 million; and White Winter, 3.43 million.

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